BOARD OF MADISON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC HEARING MADISON VALLEY GROWTH MANAGEMENT ACTION PLAN May 30, 2007 MINUTES

On Wednesday, May 30, 2007, the Board of Madison County Commissioners conducted a public hearing regarding the Madison Valley Growth Management Action Plan with Commissioners David Schulz, Lewis Stahl and Jim Hart present.

Those on the attached list were also present for the public hearing.

Chairman David Schulz opened the public hearing at 7:00 p.m. and, after introductions, stated that the Board would accept public comment.

Lane Adamson gave a Power Point demonstration, outlining the plan and reasons citizens of the Madison Valley initiated the plan. Lane stated that issues are different for different people and that the action plan addresses issues that everyone has. He also stated that of the shared community values open space is the highest ranking and the best way to manage growth is to have a plan in place that addresses growth before it occurs.

John Scully thanked the Ranchlands Group and suggested some specific changes to the wording in the plan.

Mark Petroni, Forest Service, Sam Korsmoe, Madison County Economic Development Council, Bob Bailey, Linda Dyk, Ray Clark, Dave German, Kevin Germain, Lynn Owens, Roger Lang, and John Crumley all spoke in favor of the plan.

Karen Rice stated that nobody here doesn't love Montana but that the opinions expressed here don't represent the landowners, that the opinion of the landowners has not been heard. She stated that the economic impact of this plan will be on the people who own the land and asked that it not be forgotten in this process. She stated that the consensus is not a complete consensus of the whole county but only a consensus of the people present tonight.

Doris Fischer stated that a plan such as this one makes her proud to be the Planning Director, and stated for the record that letters regarding the plan had been received from Ron and Kathy Humphrey, Bill Kidd, Melinda Merrill, Marina Smith, and John Claypool. Doris stated that the Planning Board and staff have recommended adoption of the plan and that it is consistent with the Madison County Growth Policy.

Chairman Schulz then read Resolution 14-2007.

With no further discussion, Jim Hart moved to adopt Resolution 14-2007, a resolution to adopt the Madison Valley Growth Management Action Plan (Spring 2007) as an amendment to the Madison County Growth Policy, with consideration to the language changes talked about tonight. Lewis Stahl seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

With no further business the hearing closed at 8:50 p.m.

David Schulz, Chairman Board of Madison County Commissioners
Date Approved: June 12, 2007
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